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SUBJECT: REPORTED IRAN- OMAN PLAN TO CONTROL SHIPPING
INTO GULF

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1. IN CORRIDOR CONVERSATIONS DURING MARCH 26-30 SESSION
OF MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE, INTERGOVERNMENTAL MARITIME
CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION, WE TOOK OCCASION RAISE QUES-
TION WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE WITH HMG SHIPPING OFFICIALS
AND WITH OBSERVER FROM INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF SHIPPING,
WHICH REPRESENTS WORLD- WIDE PRIVATE SHIPPING INTERESTS
INCLUDING LARGE TANKER TONNAGE TRADING INTO GULF.

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2. INITIAL REACTION HMG OFFICIALS AND ICS OBSERVER WAS THAT THEY HAD HEARD NOTHING ABOUT ALLEGED PLANS OF IRAN AND OMAN TO CONTROL SHIPPING PASSING THROUGH HORMUZ STRAITS INTO GULF, AND THEY WERE THEREFORE SKEPTICAL SUCH PLANS EXISTED. THEY NEVERTHELESS CHECKED WITH RESPECTIVE HEADQUARTERS AND CONFIRMED TO US LATER THAT NOTHING WAS KNOWN IN GOVERNMENTAL OR INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING CIRCLES ABOUT REPORTED SHIPPING- CONTROL PLANS.

3. ONE OF OFFICIALS WE DISCUSSED MATTER WITH IS MEMBER OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MIDDLE EAST NAVIGATION AIDS SERVICE, WHICH MAINTAINS NAVIGATIONAL AIDS IN THE GULF FROM THE STRAIT OF HORMUZ TO THE SHATT AL ARAB. HE TOLD US THAT NEITHER HE NOR HIS COLLEAGUES HAD PICKED UP ANY INTIMATIONS THAT WOULD CONFIRM POST STORY.

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